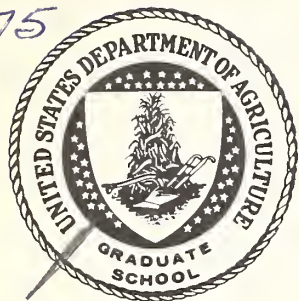


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Newsletter

November 27, 1967

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5

Regular Faculty Luncheon. The speaker will be Carl Stover who is the President of the National Institute of Public Affairs. His topic will be "Educating the Risen Generation."

AN EDUCATIONAL BRIDGE FOR DEVELOPING TECHNICAL MANPOWER

What promises to be a revolutionary approach to higher education was outlined at our November faculty luncheon by Dr. Cleveland L. Dennard, President of the new Washington Technical Institute—who described his new school as a low-cost, public, open-door institution of higher learning in which administration is subservient to the teaching-learning process.

Washington Technical Institute opens its doors next fall for the first time, with a projected student enrollment of 500 full-time day and 500 full-time evening students. Enrollment is expected to double each year for the next two years after that.



In what must eventually be a multi-campus school, the Institute's first year will use temporary space in the Bureau of Standards 7 building quadrangle—with eventual development of out-of-city campuses for aircraft and diesel mechanics, a basic downtown campus, and probably local, community-involvement campuses in the city's poverty areas.

Dr. Dennard described the creation of his school in light of the historical need of Federal response to national social crisis.

Starting with the Land Ordinance of 1789 (to provide needed funds for growth), through the Land Grant College Act of 1862 (to answer the need for industrial and agricultural skills), and the Vocational Education Act of 1917, Dr. Dennard described the progressively greater response of the Government to social needs. By the era of the 1960's, such legislation became virtually annual: the National Defense Education Act, the Area Redevelopment Act, the Manpower Development and Training Act, the Civil Rights Act, the Economic Opportunity Act, the Secondary Education Act, etc.

Higher education—in response to this development—must no longer consider itself merely as "an instrument of education for education's sake." It must enlarge its capacity for continuing education for the general citizenry.

Thus, the Washington Technical Institute was created as a specific institution to meet current career development needs of the District with higher education of a technical citizenry nature. Specifically, the goal of the Institute is to develop professional, para-professional, and technical manpower pools for government, industry, community and business.

In addition to operating a basic technical college, however, the Institute must also concentrate on another variable—the number of students needing special assistance to enroll in technician level occupations. For this reason—the need to assist students in meeting the enrollment requirements for certain curricula—the school will also conduct a pre-technology program.

Planned for the Institute, Dr. Dennard told the luncheon group, is a student services personnel ratio of 1 to 30—to insure that students wishing to enter curricula for which they are initially unaware may receive individualized programmed instruction for their first year to prepare them for the desired curricula.

One of the challenges facing this school, he concluded, is to serve as an effective bridge between citizens in the inner city and viable jobs requiring today's skills.

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NEW DATA PROCESSING COURSES

Four additional courses have been added to the Special Program's curriculum of Computer Sciences. They are: (1) A Workshop in Systems Programming for the IBM 360; (2) ADP Applications for Bankers; (3) ADP Applications for Lawyers; and (4) ADP for Personnel Administration.

The Curriculum of Computer Sciences now consists of 58 specialized ADP courses. The winter session of the courses begins January 6, 1968 with nominations due on December 15, 1967. Remember, these are Saturday morning classes.

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WORKSHOPS IN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Graduate School Special Programs Department has been asked by the Small Business Administration to design and present a series of 10 one-week workshops in community economic development. On September 6 a capsule course was presented to the Administrator, Mr. Robert C. Moot, and 24 of the top staff of SBA. Of the 10 workshops, 5 will be conducted in Silver Spring, Maryland, and 5 in Denver, Colorado. Participants in the workshops consist of a mix of Washington and field employees drawn from several segments of the SBA family including all 8 area Administrators, a number of Regional Directors, and other field personnel. Resource speakers are being drawn from a number of colleges and universities; Federal, state, and local government; and private organizations such as the National Industrial Conference Board, the Upjohn Institute, and the Appalachian Regional Commission. A unique feature of the workshops centers around the close cooperative planning and evaluation of each workshop by a steering committee made up of several functional areas of SBA and the Graduate School staff. Through the SBA steering committee, we are hoping to maximize the impact of the training through constant feedback to the top staff of SBA and through administrative follow through, to reinforce the training and efforts to implement ideas and changes found to be desirable.

If you have ideas, materials, suggestions of resource people who might assist, please call Edmund Fulker on Code 111 extension 6337 or DU8-6337.

We wish to thank those of you who have already helped—particularly Richard Ford of the Federal Extension Service and the group who guided us in designing this program.

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SABBATICAL LEAVE FOR DR. HOLDEN

We are pleased to announce that the General Administration Board of the Graduate School has granted a sabbatical to Dr. Holden who has guided the growth of the Graduate School for over nine years. He will be leaving December 15, 1967 to visit continuing education, higher education, and other educational programs as well as several administrative staff colleges in South America, Africa, Russia, Greece, the Middle East, India, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, and Hawaii. As many of you know, we have had individual and groups of students from all of these areas and many others. Dr. Holden is hoping that he will be able to talk with a number of these "alumni." He is scheduled to return on April 1, 1968.

I know that you will want to join the Graduate School staff in wishing him "Bon Voyage."

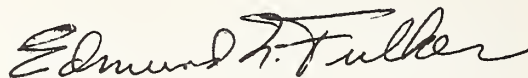
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FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Martin E. Abel, Chairman of our Social Sciences Committee, has been named Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Abel was formerly a staff assistant for foreign economics in Agriculture's Economic Research Service.

Mrs. Coblenz reports that the Spring Schedule of Classes will be available December 1, 1967.

Sincerely yours ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edmund N. Fulker".

Edmund N. Fulker
Assistant Director

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